

House Resolution No. 4847

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organization that are dedicated to meeting the recreational and social needs of youth; and

Whereas, the McGennis Youth Center was established on land donated by Mary McGennis in 1967 to the 4-H organizations of Vernon, Bates, Saint Clair, and Henry counties to provide a place for youth to have character building activities in an outdoor setting; and

Whereas, on the eve of its Fortieth Anniversary, the McGennis Youth Center enjoys an excellent reputation for the quality of its programs and facilities, which feature a six-acre lake for swimming and fishing, two shelter houses with fireplaces and picnic tables, a chapel, a sports area with a ball diamond and tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts, three cabins for overnight guests, and an old red barn used for "Theatre Under the Stars" productions and storage; and

Whereas, the McGennis Youth Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located on 160 acres of land and overseen by a Board whose members are unpaid volunteers nominated by local Extension Councils; and

Whereas, the budget for the McGennis Youth Center receives its monies from supporter donations, its small ongoing farm operation, and from such projects as an annual barbeque, collectible auction, and 4th of July food stand; and

Whereas, in addition to organized sports, McGennis Youth Center offers participating youth the opportunity for picnicking, walks along a nature trail, and camping; and

Whereas, a caretaker house is home to a year-round occupant who handles reservations for incoming groups, and each overnight cabin has room for an adult chaperone:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the McGennis Youth Center and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of their not-for-profit organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the McGennis Youth Center of rural Rich Hill, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Barney Fisher
District No. 125

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4847, adopted September 25, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker